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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the September 10, 2004, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e. claims 1-16 and 22-29) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Even assuming that the restriction is proper among Groups I, III, and IV (which applicant does not admit), restriction is improper between Group I and claims 30-43 of Group II. In particular, claims 30-43 recite a combination that includes a fusion polypeptide from the combinatorial library of claim 22 (from Group I). Thus, claim 30 encompasses the subject matter of claim 22 and cannot be separately restricted therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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